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- 1. WEST GERMAN CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING HAS IT FROM UNSPECIFIED CHINESE SOURCE THAT 5TH NPC WILL BE A RELATIVELY LONG AFFAIR, CLOSING ON MARCH 6. MAJOR RESULTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL THAT DATE.
- 2. CONTRARY TO STORY CARRIED ON FEBRUARY 23 VOICE OF AMERICA MORNING NEWS PROGRAM, THE PRC APPARENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO TELEVISE LIVE THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 5TH NPC ON FEBRUARY 26. CHINESE BROADCASTING AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU HAS BOOKED FIVE MINUTES OF SATELLITE TIME FOR EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26, HOWEVER, TO BEAM CLIPS OF OPENING SEQUENCE TO US AND EUROPE.
- 3. ROMANIAN EMBOFF CLAIMS THAT HIS MISSION HAS RUMOR THEY REGARD AS SOLID THAT YEH CHIEN-YING WILL RETAIN PARTY VICE CHAIRMANSHIP (PRESUMABLY BY DECISION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION TO PRECEDE CONFIDENTIAL

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NPC) BUT WILL DEFINITELY YIELD HIS DEFENSE PORTFOLIO (REFTEL). WOODCOCK

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